Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Meeting June 3, 2009

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: George M. Thorpe, Chairman

Deborah F. Love, Vice-Chairman

Garry Paul, Supervisor

Joseph Barakat, Township Manager Hugh A. Donaghue, Township Solicitor Joseph A. Mastronardo, Township Engineer Maryann D. Furlong, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thorpe pointed out emergency exits.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Trooper King, Media Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, reviewed police activity in the Township for May. There were eighty false burglar alarms, both home and commercial. A property owner can be cited for more than three false alarms within twelve months. Trooper King also reported two criminal mischief; one public disturbance; one drug possession; one public drunkenness; five false 911 calls; two domestic verbal altercations; one scattering rubbish; one suspicious person; one theft from motor vehicle; one forgery, and two theft of services.

NEW BUSINESS

HANNUM HARLEY DAVISON TENT REQUEST

Anthony Pieronotti, General Manager of Hannum Harley, sought a permit to erect a 40° x 40° tent on the property for Father's Day weekend. The tent will be the same as the one erected for prior events which proved to have an acceptable fire rating. Mr. Pieronotti asked permission to erect the tent monthly through the end of the year. Supervisors granted approval for Father's Day weekend only and asked future requests be made on a month-to-month basis. .

OLD BUSINESS

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION OF LEWIS AND MARIE HALL - 243 HEYBURN ROAD

James Fritsch, PE, Regester Associates, reviewed the minor subdivision application of Lewis and Marie Hall, 243 Heyburn Road. The plan proposes two new building lots with public sewage and on-site water. Since last month's appearance before the Board, the Halls have reviewed the proposed resolution and are now in agreement with all conditions.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-26 - HALL MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love), Supervisors approved Resolution 2009-26, granting the preliminary/final minor subdivision application of Lewis and Marie Hall for the property located at 243 Heyburn Road, subject to compliance with the six conditions and one waiver included therein.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF APRIL1, 2009

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors approved minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting, draft dated 5.8.09.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Mr. Thorpe reported four meetings during May as follows:

- On May 14th, Senator Pileggi met with Garry Paul in person and Deborah Love via speakerphone to discuss the Battlefield issues;
- On May 26th, the entire Board of Supervisors met with the entire Sewer Authority Board to discuss Ridings Special Study;
- On June 1st, the entire Board met with the Township Manager to discuss the agenda for the Supervisors meeting and personnel matters, and

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- On June 3rd, the entire Board met with the Township Engineer to review the draft Hillman Drive engineering plans.
- Ms. Love added that she and Mr. Barakat attended a meeting with representatives of Delaware County to seek their assistance with Battlefield issues.

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Barakat submitted a written report (copy follows).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Furlong reported the following figures for May, 2009:

Total deposits to General Fund \$ 47,733.57
Total disbursements General Fund \$ 70,141.23
Total disbursements Escrow Fund \$ 10,774.51
Cash Accounts Balances \$ 2,400,966.96

Mrs. Furlong added that two checks have been written on the old Commerce/TD Bank General Fund account for the purpose of transferring funds to the new DNB General Fund account in the amount of \$242,919.70 and to establish a new account for DCED Audio Visual Grant funds in the amount of \$40,000.00.

MARSHALL ESTATES DEVELOPER'S ESCROW RELEASE

Mr. Barakat suggested release of a Developer's Escrow for the Marshall Estate project. The Improvement Security escrow was released in 2008.

MOTION TO APPROVE RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS - MARSHALL ESTATES

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love), Supervisors approved release of \$10,774.51 in escrow funds and accrued interest as listed in the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love), Supervisors approved the Treasurer's Report for May, 2009 and authorized payments in the amount of \$ 70,141.23.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A written report and fee checks for the month of May were submitted to the Chairman.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

A report was submitted summarizing activities during May, 2009 (copy follows).

COMMITTEE and SERVICE REPORTS FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

No report submitted.

SEWER AUTHORITY

A written report for the Sewer Authority was submitted (copy follows).

FIRE MARSHALL

No report submitted.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman William Taylor submitted a written report (copy follows).

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OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

A draft of Open Space minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2009 was submitted (copy follows). Mrs. Reardon asked for a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan for review by her Committee because of the direct impact the Plan has on Open Space. After discussion, Supervisors approved the request.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mr. Wandersee reported no May meeting and no June applications to date.

HARB

No report submitted.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Please refer to the Township Manager's report.

LIBRARY REPORT

A written report of library activities was submitted to the Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terrence Dear, Harvey Road, questioned whether US Census Bureau representatives are active in the Township. Mr. Dear reported that on May 18th a woman, allegedly from the US Census Bureau, West Chester, visited his home. She had a voice recorder and camera and handed Mr. Dear two census forms. She proceeded to ask one question, that being if Mr. Dear owned the home. She took photographs and make comments into her recorder. Mrs. Taylor, Webb Road, stated that she recently spoke with a representative from the Census Bureau and believes there is ongoing preparation for the 2010 Census. Mr. Dear said that since he has a neighbor who tried to kill them, he was questioning her appearance. Mr. Barakat will contact the US Census Bureau to confirm activity.

Mr. Prabel, Heyburn Road, reported three four-wheeler vehicles traveling down Heyburn Road before entering the Toll Brothers property. He reported the incident to the State Police.

Mr. Donaghue reported that Concord Township Supervisors voted to support Chadds Ford Township's efforts on behalf of the Battlefield at their meeting last night.

OLD BUSINESS

BRANDYWINE YOUTH CLUB REQUEST

Mr. Thorpe reported that the Supervisors met with Ingrid Welch regarding a request for a Township contribution to fund building plans for the Brandywine Youth Club. Ms. Love provided contribution information from other municipalities.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRIBUTION TO BRANDYWINE YOUTH CLUB

Upon motion and second (Love, Paul), Supervisors pledged a Township contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Brandywine Youth Club to be paid over a period of three years in the amount of \$1,000.00 each year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYANN D. FURLONG Township Secretary